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Following is from Dept. press briefing June 24:

QUOTE - Q. I'm wondering if there have been any instances in Moscow of harassment of U.S. officials or U.S. personnel, in view of the brick-throwing this morning on the Soviet diplomat's home.

A. None that have been reported by the Embassy in Moscow as yet, and we hope there will be none.

I would like to say that I know that the various police jurisdictions in Washington and in New York are doing their utmost to assure the protection of Soviet personnel and buildings and property.

I think our own position on acts of violence of this kind--which we deplore, and have deplored on several occasions--is well known.

Q. When you say that the various jurisdictions will be taking measures to assure the protection of Soviet

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personnel, buildings and property, does that include the homes of diplomats there?

A. That is correct.

Q. Does that mean there will be guards or some other kind of specific measure taken at the homes of diplomats?

A. I hope you will understand when I say that I don't want to get into the specifics of the measures being taken, lest they be vitiated by my discussion of them in public.

Q. O.K.

Q. Have the Soviets requested protection for their homes?

A. I don't know. I do know that there has been discussion of the incident last evening or early this morning, discussion between the Dept. and an official of the Soviet Embassy--the Embassy calling to report the incident and the Dept. expressing its regrets in reply.

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this contact by calling the Soviet Embassy to express ~~ex~~ regrets for the incident.)

Whether or not there had been a specific request overnight or earlier, I think it obvious that this Govt.--at both the Federal and state and local level--would do what it could to prevent any harassment to or damage of Soviet personnel and property. UNQUOTE

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